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(c) if the answers to the above two clauses are in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to postpone the proposed reduction pending the report of the officer referred to in clause (a)?

A.—(a) No.
(b) The matter is under consideration.
(c) Does not arise.

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" Will the Government be pleased to institute an enquiry into these matters? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" The Government do not think it necessary."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Are the Government aware that in Bombay at least the Labour offices have been instructed to submit their report regarding the family budget of working and middle class families? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" I am aware of that."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Will the Government consider the desirability of instructing the Labour Commissioner in Madras to report about their condition? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Does the Government consider it not important?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" It is important, but not possible."

Railways

Halting of the Mail train at Kasaragod.

* 503 Q.—Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state why the Mail train does not stop as usual 10 minutes for watering at Kasaragod?

A.—The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur Mahumud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—" Will the Government kindly ascertain whether this practice is not causing much inconvenience to the public?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" It is a matter for the Government of India, to whom representations may be made."

Local Self-Government

Amount of motor vehicles tax collected during the last and the present quarter.

* 504 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount of motor vehicles taxation collected in each district in the last quarter and in the present quarter also;